

# Council of the District of Columbia Memorandum

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To Robert A. Williams, Secretary to the Council

From Julius W. Hobson

Date November 26, 1975

Subject Agenda for Legislative Session on December 2, 1975

Please place the attached bill, entitled the "Prior Sexual Conduct Evidence act of 1975," on the agenda for introduction at the Council's legislative session on December 2, 1975.

November 25, 1975

Mr. Ralph Temple
The American Civil Liberties Union
3000 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

Dear Mr. Temple:

Enclosed is a copy of the draft of the "Police Intelligence Standards and Procedures Act of 1975." We would appreciate any comments and suggestions you might have on the bill.

I also hand carried a copy of the bill to Mr. Foer today, as you suggested, and I hope he can use it.

Appreciate any help you can give.

Sincerely,

Paul Sanders Brown Executive Assistant

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# COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20004

November 24, 1975

Director, D.C. Youth Orchestra Mr. Lyn McClain Coolidge High School 5th and Tuckerman Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20011 .

This letter is in reference to your correspondence of November 5, 1975 in which you outlined the limited financial capabilities of the D.C. Youth Dear Mr. McClain: . Orchestra. I certainly hope that your program is able to identify funding sources to continue the student performances at the Kennedy Center.

Thank you for bringing this situation to my attention. I shall keep the needs of the D.C. Youth Orchestra in mind during deliberations of the Committee on Education, Recreation and Youth Affairs. If I can be of Whis W. Holson further assistance, please feel free to contact me.

JULIUS W. HOBSON, Chairman Committee on Education, Recreation

and Youth Affairs





#### COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20004 November 24, 1975

Mr. Vincent Reed
Acting Superintendent of
D.C. Public Schools
415 12th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mr. Reed:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter from Mr. Lee Junious regarding conditions at Harrison Elementary School.

I would like to have some background information, including a brief summary, on the problem by December 5, 1975. In your summary please discuss what actions you have taken and what further steps you plan to take.

I look forward to hearing from you and thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

JULIUS W. HOBSON, Chairman Committee on Education, Recreation and Youth Affairs

Enclosure



#### COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20004 November 24, 1975

Dr. James Jones
Special Assistant to the Mayor
Office of Youth Opportunity Services
District Building
14th and E Streets, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Jones:

Enclosed is a letter from Mrs. Delores Mason, Chairperson NPC #8, regarding problems she is experiencing with NPC #8.

I would like to have some background information, including a brief summary, on the problem by December 5, 1975. In your summary please discuss what actions you have taken and what further steps you plan to take.

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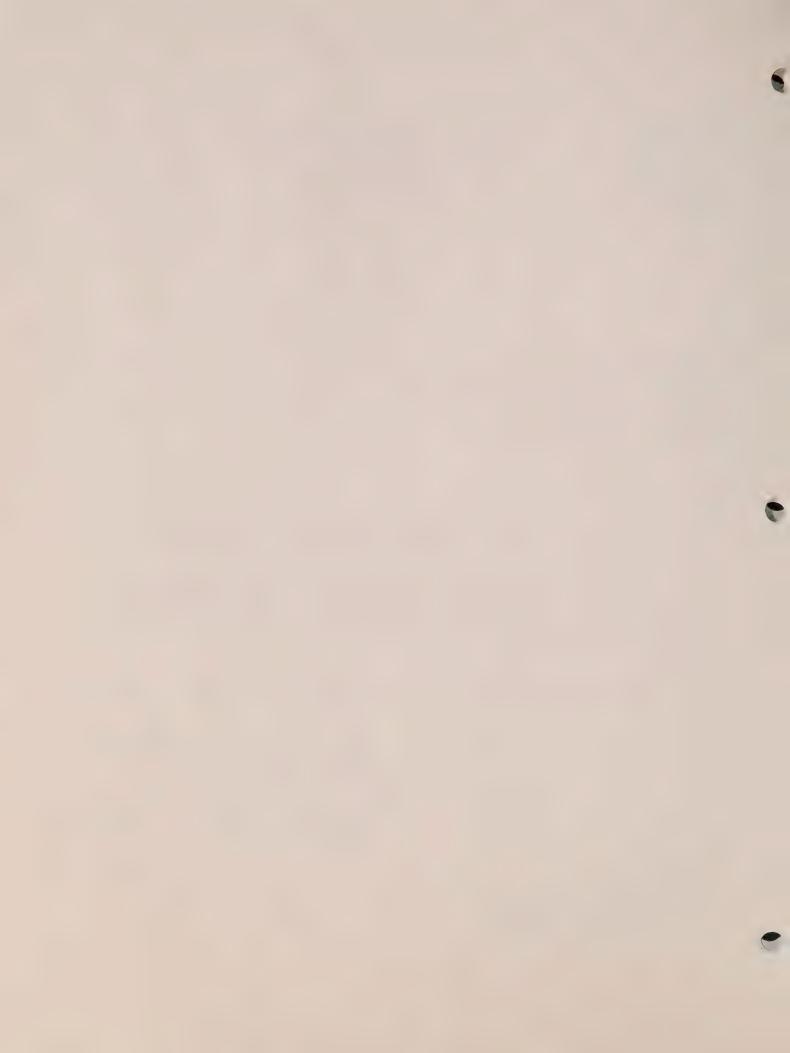
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JULIUS W. HOBSON, Chairman Committee on Education, Recreation, and Youth Affairs

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cc: Ms. Willie Hardy Mr. David Clarke



Rev. Douglas Moore, Chairman, Committee on Budget
Julius W. Hobson, Councilman at Large

November 24, 1975

Resource Recovery Expenditure Disapproval Resolution of 1975

Due to the urgency surrounding the consideration of the proposed resource recovery facility; I would like to respectfully request that the Committee on the Budget hold a special meeting on December 3, 1975, to consider the "Resource Recovery Expenditure Disapproval Resolution of 1975." This request is made because the House and Senate Appropriations Committee, District of Columbia Subcommittee will be receiving testimony from the Department of Environmental Services during their Budget hearings within the next three weeks. I feel it is important that Congress knows where the Council stands on this matter before hearing testimony from DES.

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November 24, 1975

Mr. Albert A. Foer Attorney at Law Hogan and Hartson 815 Connecticut Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Mr. Foer:

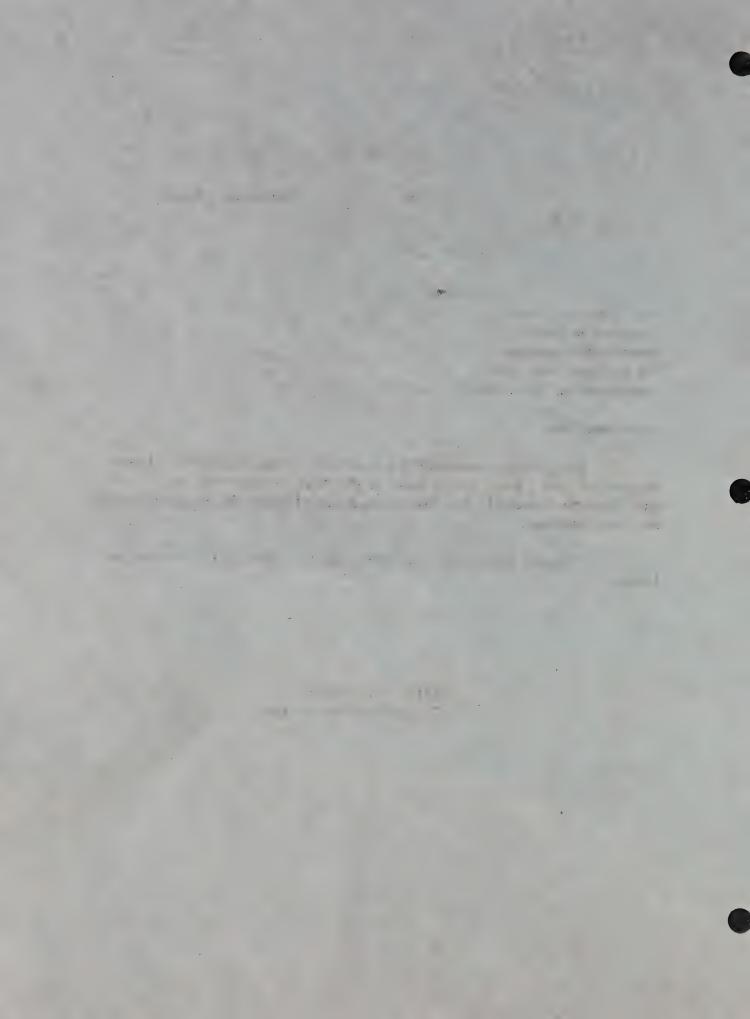
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Julius W. Hobson Councilmember at-Large

Enclosure



November 24, 1975

Ms. Margaret Schneider
Associate Director
Association for the Rights of Disabled
Consumers, Inc. (ARDC)
1763 Second Avenue - Suite 29Q
New York, New York 10028

Dear Ms. Schneider:

It is not possible for me to appear on a TV Panel show in New York City at this time. Please thank Helene Schwarzenberger for recommending me.

Sincerely,

Julius W. Hobson Councilmember

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November 18, 1975

Mrs. Anna L. Tatum, Chairperson
Women's Program Coordinators Committee
District of Columbia Government
Department of Recreation
3149 16th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20010

Dear Mrs. Tatum:

I will be unable to attend the activities planned for "Women in D.C. Government Week, November 17-22, 1975," however, I would like to convey my best wishes to the Women's Program Coordination Committee for a very successful program in its efforts in seeking greater opportunities for women in all areas of public life -- in government, education, politics and industry -- and on all levels.

As you may know, I have tried to be a champion for equal opportunity for all during my career, and I shall continue to do so as Councilmember at large for the District of Columbia.

Sincerely,

JULIUS W. HOBSON
Chairman, Committee on Education
Recreation and Youth Affairs

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November 18, 1975

Dr. Thomas W. Patrick, Jr. 100 Pinecrest Drive Hastings on Hudson, New York 10706

Dear Dr. Patrick:

I am sorry I am unable to identify any citizens of Haitian ancestry who have made their mark in America.

However, you may wish to write to Dr. Michael R. Winsten, Director, Moorland-Spingarn Research Center, Howard University, 500 Howard Place, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001 for any information the Center might have on Haitians in America.

Sincerely,

JULIUS W. HOBSON Councilmember at large

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November 21, 1975

Mrs. Helen Lewis
Executive Director
D.C. Commission on the Status of Women
Room 204- The District Building
14th and E Streets, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mrs. Lewis:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter dated October 14, that I sent to the Deputy Director of the D.C. Department of Recreation. The answer is dated November 4, and is also enclosed. I asked Dr. Rumsey for a breakdown by sex of the participants in the various recreational programs and for a profile of the Department of Recreation regarding the status of women in general.

The District of Columbia Commission on the Status of Women would be providing me with expert and valuable assistance if the Commission could review the status of women in the Department of Recreation.

The Department of Recreation is proud of its hiring record and feels that it "stands out among many departments of the District of Columbia Government ..." Recommendation and comments for improvement would be appreciated.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Julius W. Hobson
Chairman
Committee on Education, Recreation & Youth Affairs

Enclosures

cc: Dr. William H. Rumsey, Deputy Director, D.C. Department of Recreation

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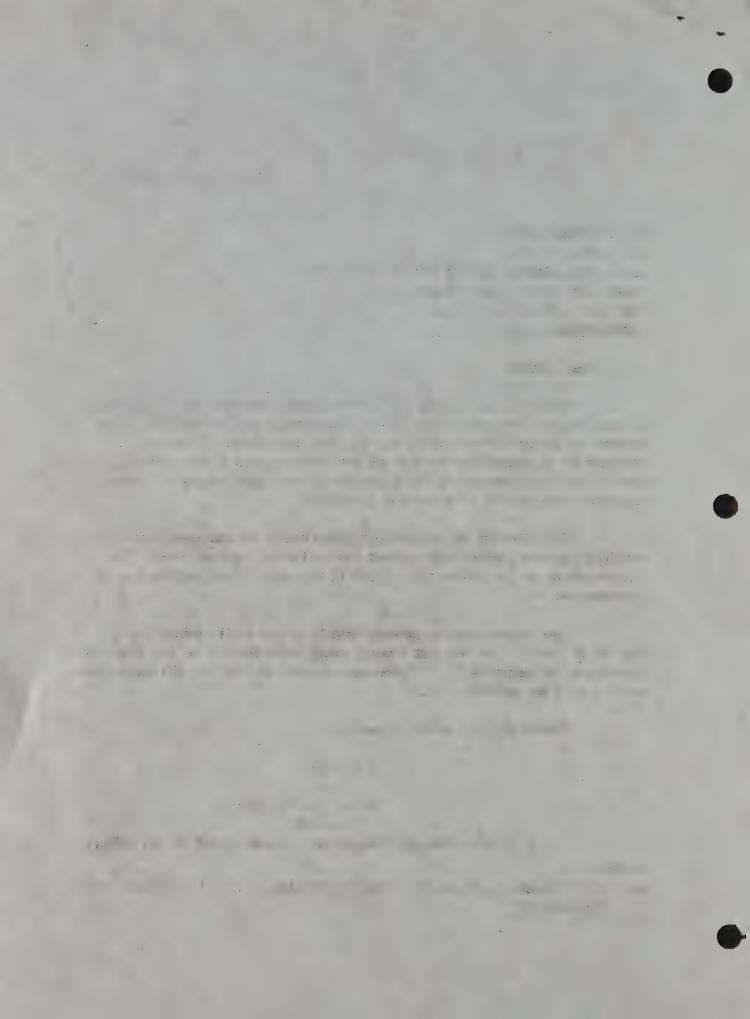
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Sincerely,

Julius W. Hobson
Chairman
Committee on Education, Recreation & Youth Affairs

Enclosures

cc: Dr. William H. Rumsey, Deputy Director, D.C. Department of Recreation



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To

COUNCILMEMBERS

From

Julius W. Hobson, Councilmember

Date

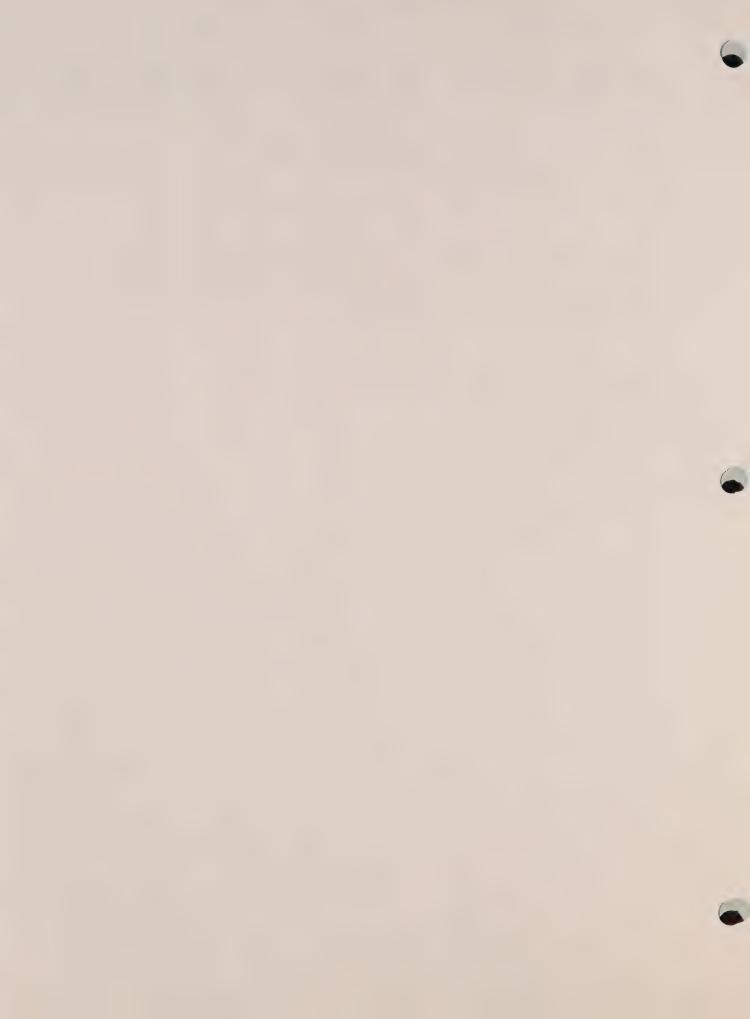
November 19, 1975

Subject

Proposed D.C. Resource Recovery System

Attached are copies of a press release and some recent correspondence with the Director of the Environmental Protection Agency concerning the proposed D.C. resource recovery system that I wish to bring to your attention.

Attachments



### Council of the District of Columbia News Release

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

November 19, 1975

EPA CLARIFICATION ON D.C. RESOURCE RECOVERY ? ?

On November 6, Councilman Julius W. Hobson asked the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, Mr. Russell Train, for clarification — or a new direction — on a proposed D.C. resource recovery system. The Mayor requested \$9.6 million in the FY 1976 capital budget for construction of a resource recovery facility based on a study done by the National Center for Resource Recovery (NCRR) prior to the elected City Council. Councilmembers questioned this facility because of EPA's concerns, underestimated costs, reports that no competitive bid process had been involved in the study and because NCRR may have been in "conflict of interest."

"The November 18, answer from Russell Train, stating EPA's position, is still perplexing," Hobson stated. "On page one, Administrator Train suggests it is not necessary to return to the 'drawing board' while on pages 2 and 3, he seems to contradict this observation by stating:

- On the other hand, we think that it is always prudent to consider other options even while one pursues a chosen course of action and the District of Columbia may want to explore the opportunities for the application of waterwall incineration while negotiating with PEPCO. If a firm commitment from PEPCO for purchase of RDF is not established, a different system will have to be considered and early exploration will help keep your efforts moving.'
- 'It is essential, that the District's next step should be to obtain commitments from potential energy customers.'
- 'Again, we advise the District of Columbia not to initiate steps to construct any facility until that firm agreement is reached with PEPCO.'
- 'Let me assure you that you are basically correct in your comments concerning the proper approach to implementing a resource recovery system. This should involve:

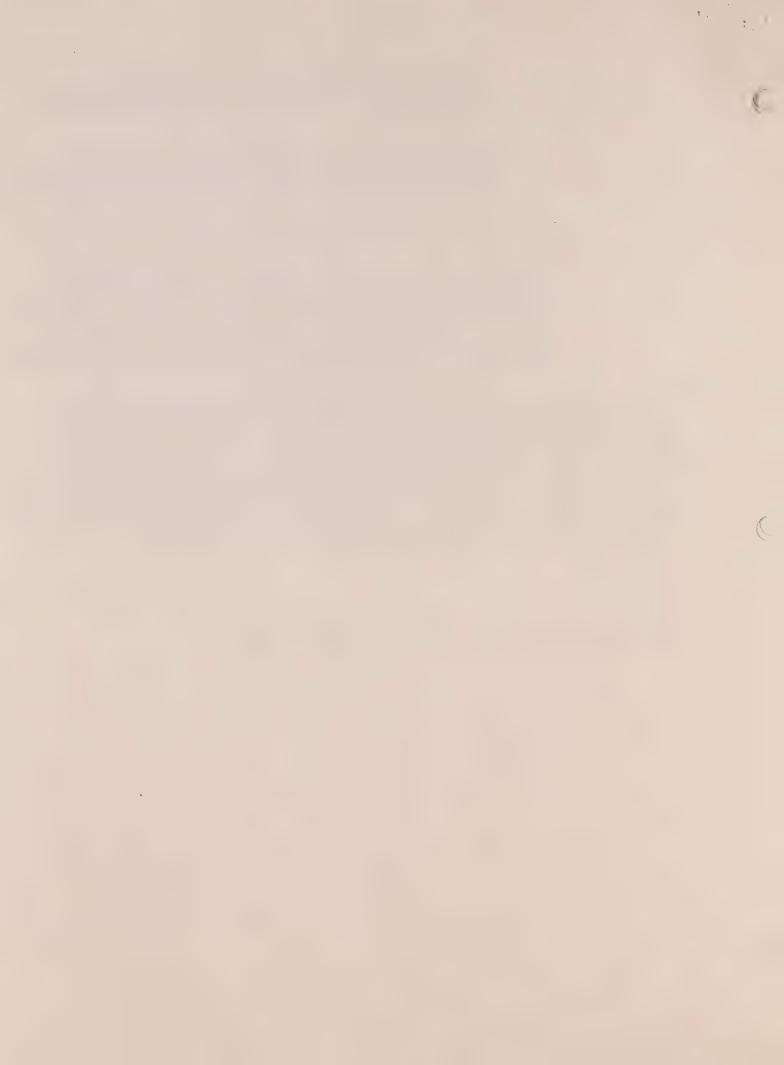


- an analysis of the resource recovery systems that are available and the products and commodities that can be recovered;
- 2. an assessment of the potential markets for recovered commodities and the establishment of market specifications and commitments to purchase such commodities; and,
- 3. design of the facility around the market commitments.'
- 'In addition, we advise all cities to secure their consultative services through the accepted methods which are recommended by progressive engineering organizations and other groups which represent other professions. Qualified objective consultant services would have used the above steps in leading the District of Columbia to this point in the resource recovery program.'

"Since my letter of November 6 indicated that I would withdraw my resolution calling for the disapproval of the \$9.6 million only if Mr. Train would approve the NCRR facility," Hobson declared, "I have to assume EPA still has reservations since Mr. Train's letter did not clearly endorse the proposal nor didit address the issue of the returnable beverage container legislation now pending before the City Council. I will continue to oppose the \$9.6 million expenditure unless Mr. Train notifies me to do otherwise and will recommend that the other members of the City Council do likewise."

Attachments

For further information, contact Paul "Sandy" Brown 638-2223





### UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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THE ADMINISTRATOR

Dear Mr. Hobson:

This is to respond to your letter of November 6, 1975 concerning EPA's continued views on the "I-95" project. As you indicated, our Office of Solid Waste Management Programs (OSWMP) has corresponded formally with the District of Columbia twice over the past few months with advice and counsel regarding the project. Your letter of November 6 indicated a concern that our views stated in the two letters were not consistent and that we may have shifted our views regarding the project in the time between the two letters. We feel that the two letters are consistent and would like to clarify this issue.

On June 18, 1975, Mr. Arsen J. Darnay, former Deputy Assistant Administrator for the Office of Solid Waste Management Programs, raised serious questions about the proposed system. Between that time and our second letter of October 17 from Mr. Humber, the District of Columbia has itself shifted the orientation of the project in a direction which is more consistent with our views of June 18. Hence, the tone of our October 17 letter is naturally more positive. However, a close reading of that second letter clearly indicates that we still have concerns about markets and costs and we continue to urge the District of Columbia to proceed cautiously and in a businesslike manner.

In your letter you mentioned your proposal before the City Council which "would require the District Government to go back to the drawing boards." If you are proposing that the District of Columbia redo all of the work that has been conducted over the past eighteen months, we would advise against such an action. Very little would be gained at this time by such a move. Further, we understand that your proposal calls for a feasibility study to consider all options as well as an assessment of all potential energy markets. Given the fact that a shift in orientation from a project to recover materials using unproven technology to one to recover energy from waste has occurred, we do not think that it is necessary for the District of Columbia to return to ground zero and start all over again.



At this time, waterwall incineration to produce steam and/or electricity is another commercially available waste-to-energy option. While our review has focused on the I-95 feasibility study for the refuse derived fuel system, it is our understanding that waterwall incineration was considered by the I-95 Committee prior to the feasibility study. Other processes such as pyrolysis and anaerobic digestion to produce fuels are in the earlier stages of development and require further demonstrations, evaluation and analysis before being readily available to cities. Installation of these latter processes involves a higher degree of risk at this time. Thus, in our opinion, restudying all waste-to-energy technological options is not necessary.

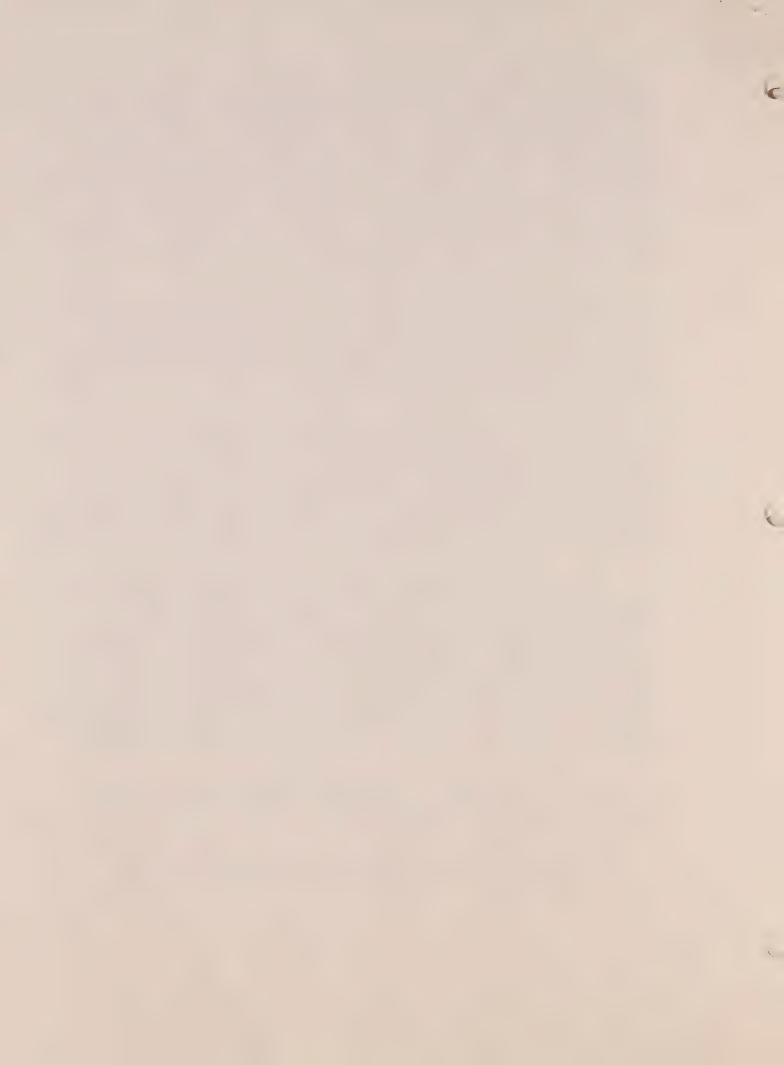
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Our letter of June 18, expressed concern that the feasibility study conducted by the National Center for Resource Recovery (NCRR) for the Metropolitan Washington Waste Management Agency did not assess the potential energy markets for the combustible waste fraction, but rather the study was oriented towards markets for recovered materials such as aluminum, steel, glass and paper. As stated in that letter, we continue to believe that: "It is essential, that the District's next step should be to obtain commitments from potential energy customers."

Since that time, we have been pleased to see a reorientation of the project towards the more viable market opportunities and systems technology of waste-to-energy. We still believe that the District of Columbia can proceed to develop plans while negotiating a firm agreement with PEPCO. Again, we advise the District of Columbia not to initiate steps to construct any facility until that firm agreement is reached with PEPCO. Furthermore, as we have indicated previously based on the amount of engineering that was performed in the feasibility study, final construction costs could be higher than the \$9.6 million estimate. Only after the design becomes more detailed will it be possible to firm up the cost estimate.

Let me also assure you that you are basically correct in your comments concerning the proper approach to implementing a resource recovery system. This should involve:

an analysis of the resource recovery systems that are available and the products and commodities that can be recovered;



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In addition, we advise all cities to secure their consultative services through the accepted methods which are recommended by progressive engineering organizations and other groups which represent other professions. Qualified objective consultant services would have used the above steps in leading the District of Columbia to this point in the resource recovery program. We believe that future studies and efforts in the District of Columbia related to solid waste management should utilize these procedures.

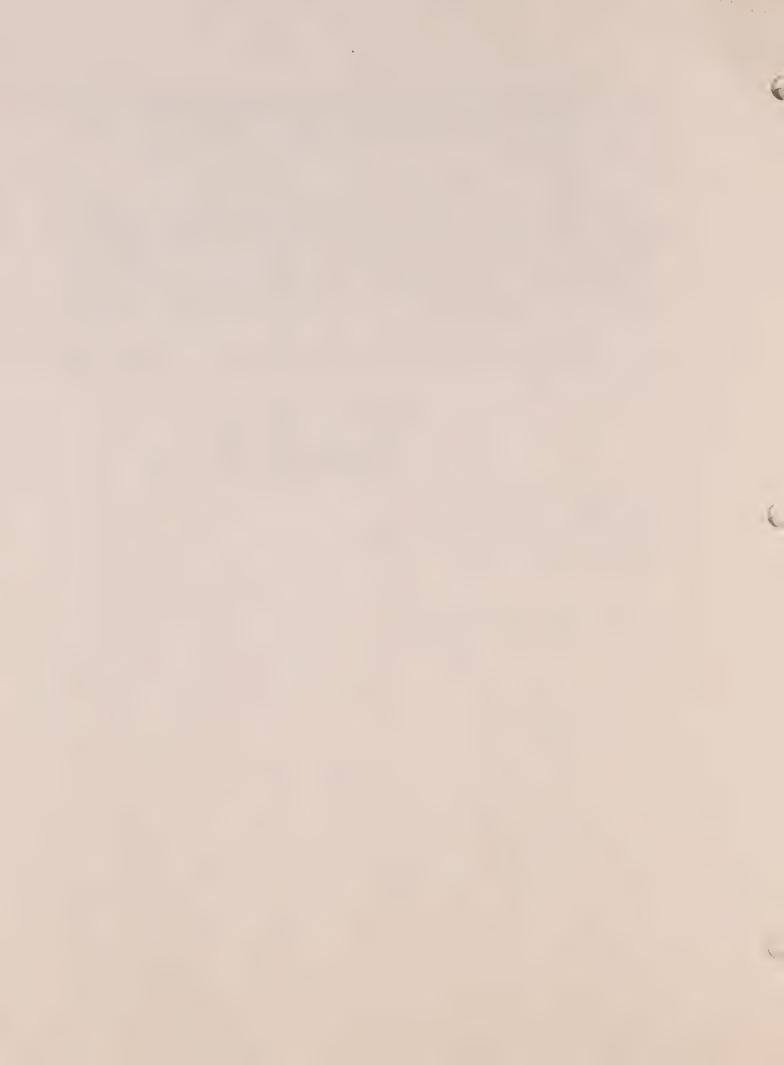
I hope that this clarifies our position and assists in your decision making process.

Sincerely yours

Russell E. Train

Mr. Julius Hobson Councilmember-at-Large Council of the District of Columbia Washington, D.C. 20004

cc: Mr. William C. McKinney





### COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

#### WASHINGTON, D. C. 20004

November 6, 1975

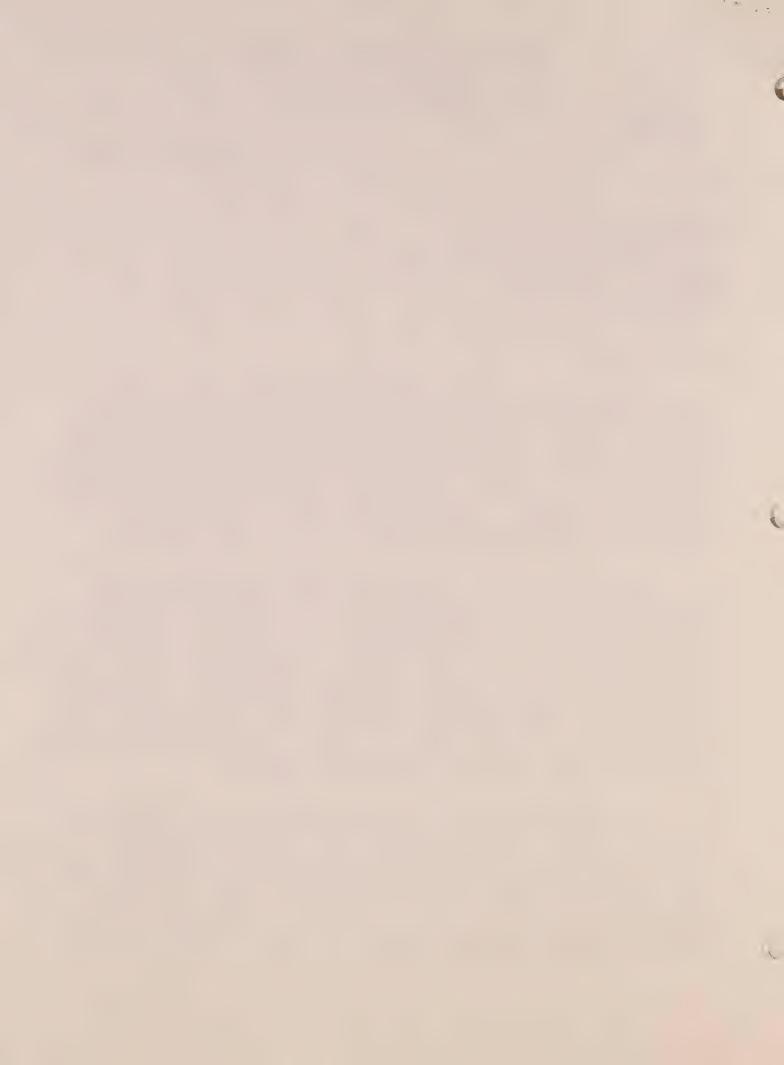
Honorable Russell E. Train
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Room 1200 - West Tower
401 M Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Mr. Train:

I am writing to you because of my confusion over the Environmental Protection Agency's position on a proposed refuse recycling system for the District of Columbia. As you remember last April 28, 1975, I requested that your agency review the economic feasibility study done by the National Center for Resource Recovery (NCRR), which formed the basis for the proposed regional resource recovery facility, so that the City Council would have a better idea of the project's strengths and weaknesses as well as its compatibility with a returnable beverage container bill which I have submitted to the Council.

In response, Mr. Arsen Darnay, your Deputy Assistant for Solid Waste Management, raised some very serious questions about the NCRR plan in a letter dated June 18, 1975. Among other things Mr. Darnay expressed concern over the possibility of large cost-overruns in construction and operation and many unresolved design questions. In particular, he noted that the NCRR plan lacked water treatment facilities, fire control systems, storage areas for refuse derived fuel (RDF), dust control systems, and necessary redundancy. Mr. Darnay emphasized that any resource recovery facility should be designed around a firm energy market. He pointed out that the NCRR study "presents revenues from the sale of RDF as zero," which a subsequent September 29, 1975 letter of interest from PEPCO (enclosed) does not appear to have corrected.

Because of EPA's concerns and press accounts which questioned the NCRR approach to resource recovery (enclosed), I asked Mr. Matthew Watson, the District of Columbia Auditor, to review the circumstances leading up to this NCRR project. In his reply (enclosed) Mr. Watson reported that there was no competitive bid process for this study and that the NCRR may have been in "conflict of interest" by performing this work. Because of these factors, I introduced a resolution to the City Council on October 7, 1975 that would require the District Government to go back to the drawing boards — through a competitive bid process — for the



planning, design, development, and construction of a resource recovery system built around a <u>firm</u> energy market which would not be adversely impacted by returnable beverage container legislation.

As a result of the October 18, 1975, Washington Post article (see enclosure) describing a recent letter to the Chairman of the Transportation and Environmental Affairs Committee written by Mr. Nicholas Humber, current Director of your Resource Recovery Division, many responsible Councilmembers feel that EPA has changed its position, and now favor the NCRR plan. In his October 17th letter, Mr. Humber mentioned that:

"The District is pursuing a sound course of action in its plans to use the refuse derived fuel technology to implement resource recovery."

"We do not believe that restudying the technology will identify a new technology that has not been discussed."

This facility may cost more than \$9.6 million to construct because these figures are based on preliminary design work. As the first engineering work is done, the dollar figures will be more sure.

Proper emphasis is being put on energy recovery and the agreement with PEPCO is firm enough to proceed with the planning stages of the facility.

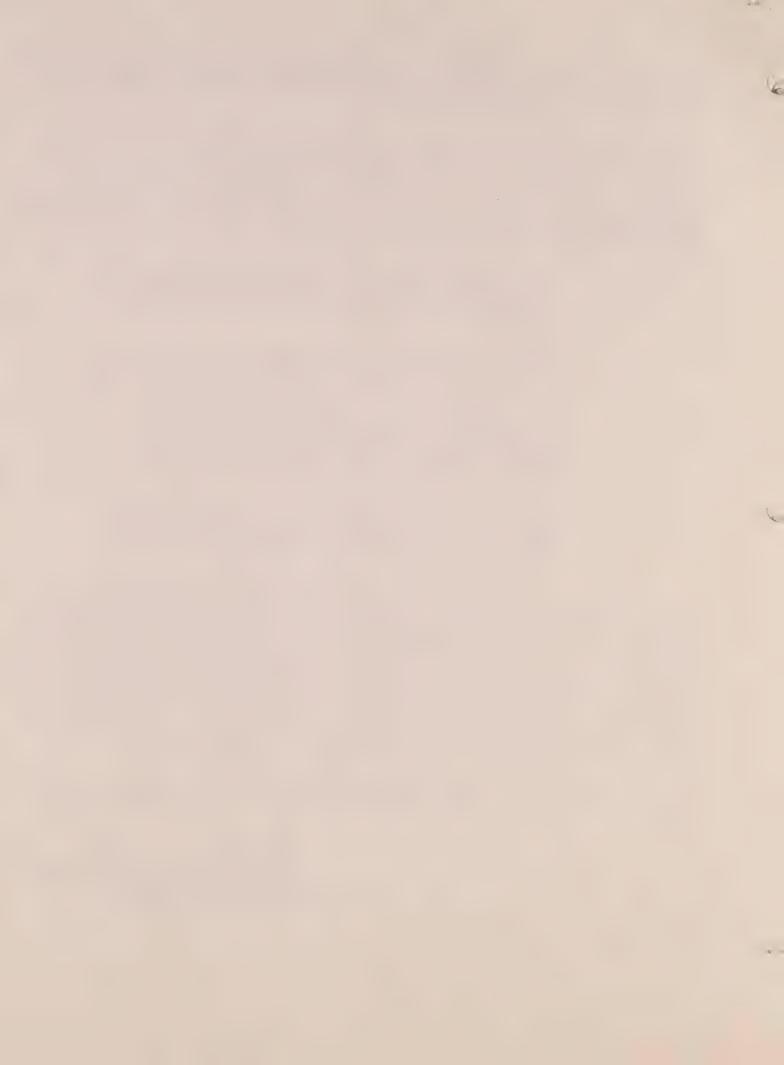
I am sure you can appreciate my confusion as to what EPA's true policy towards the NCRR facility is. Therefore, because of my long standing respect for you and the EPA, I am requesting that you review this matter. As a result of this review, if you will personally assure me that: competitive contracting for a feasibility study to consider all options, the assessment of all potential energy markets, including the Federal Government, the location of a firm energy market commitment, the design of a facility around this market, and the obtaining of unbiased cost estimates are not necessary prior to Council budget authorization, then I will withdraw my resolution and support the NCRR proposal.

I, respectfully, request your immediate reply so that this issue can be resolved in the best interest of the District of Columbia and surrounding areas.

JULIUS W. HOBSÓN

Councilmember-at-Large

Enclosures -



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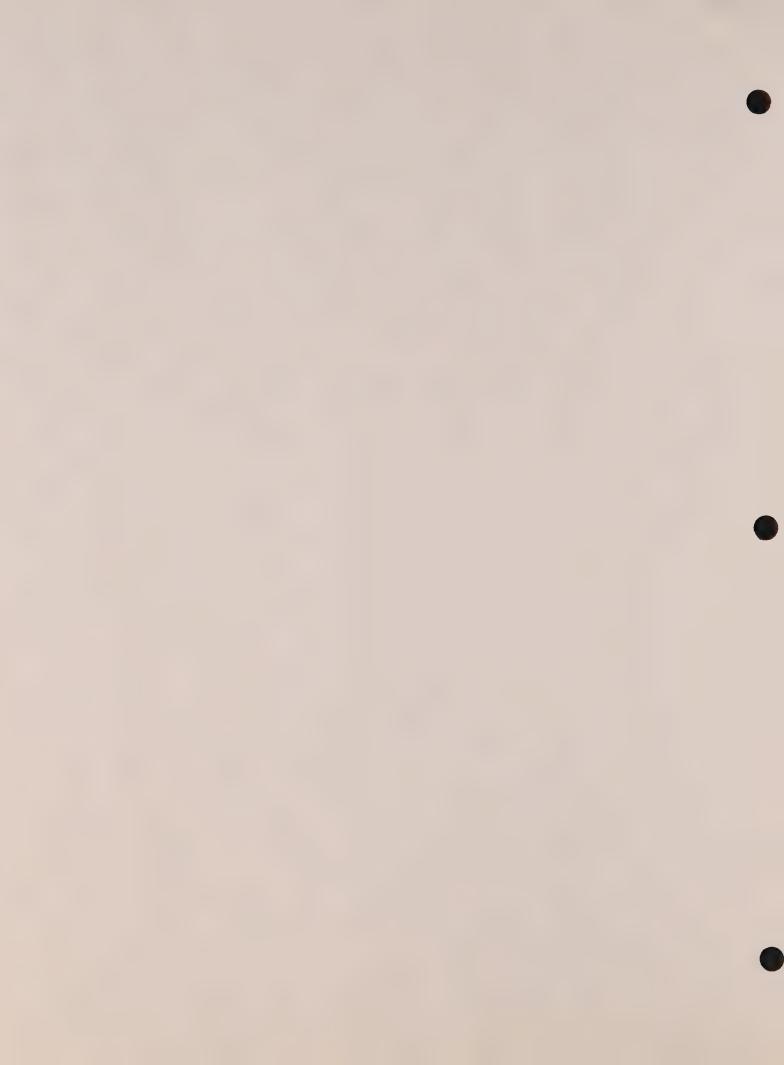
From Pat Miner, Committee Clerk

Date November 19, 1975

Subject ERYA Committee Meeting

The regular meeting of the Committee on Education,
Recreation, and Youth Affairs will not be held on
Thursday, November 20, 1975 as scheduled. The Chairman
of the Committee will inform you of the date of the
next meeting.

cc: Councilmembers
Robert Williams





## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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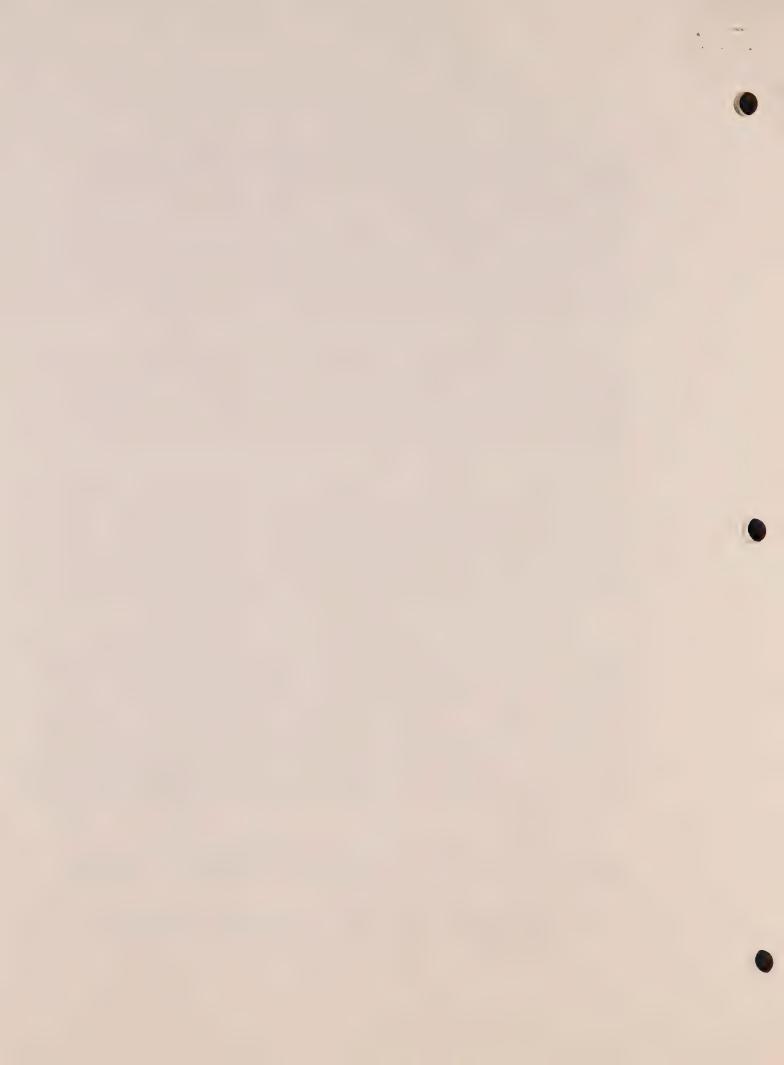
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Since that time, we have been pleased to see a reorientation of the project towards the more viable market opportunities and systems technology of waste-to-energy. We still believe that the District of Columbia can proceed to develop plans while negotiating a firm agreement with PEPCO. Again, we advise the District of Columbia not to initiate steps to construct any facility until that firm agreement is reached with PEPCO. Furthermore, as we have indicated previously based on the amount of engineering that was performed in the feasibility study, final construction costs could be higher than the \$9.6 million estimate. Only after the design becomes more detailed will it be possible to firm up the cost estimate.

Let me also assure you that you are basically correct in your comments concerning the proper approach to implementing a resource recovery system. This should involve:

an analysis of the resource recovery systems that are available and the products and commodities that can be recovered;



- 2) an assessment of the potential markets for recovered commodities and the establishment of market specifications and commitments to purchase such commodities; and,
- 3) design of the facility around the market commitments.

In addition, we advise all cities to secure their consultative services through the accepted methods which are recommended by progressive engineering organizations and other groups which represent other professions. Qualified objective consultant services would have used the above steps in leading the District of Columbia to this point in the resource recovery program. We believe that future studies and efforts in the District of Columbia related to solid waste management should utilize these procedures.

I hope that this clarifies our position and assists in your decision making process.

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. Julius Hobson Councilmember-at-Large Council of the District of Columbia Washington, D.C. 20004

cc: Mr. William C. McKinney



## Council of the District of Columbia News Release

City Hall, 14th and E Streets, N.W.

Fifth Floor

638-2223 or Government Code 137-3806

November 18, 1975

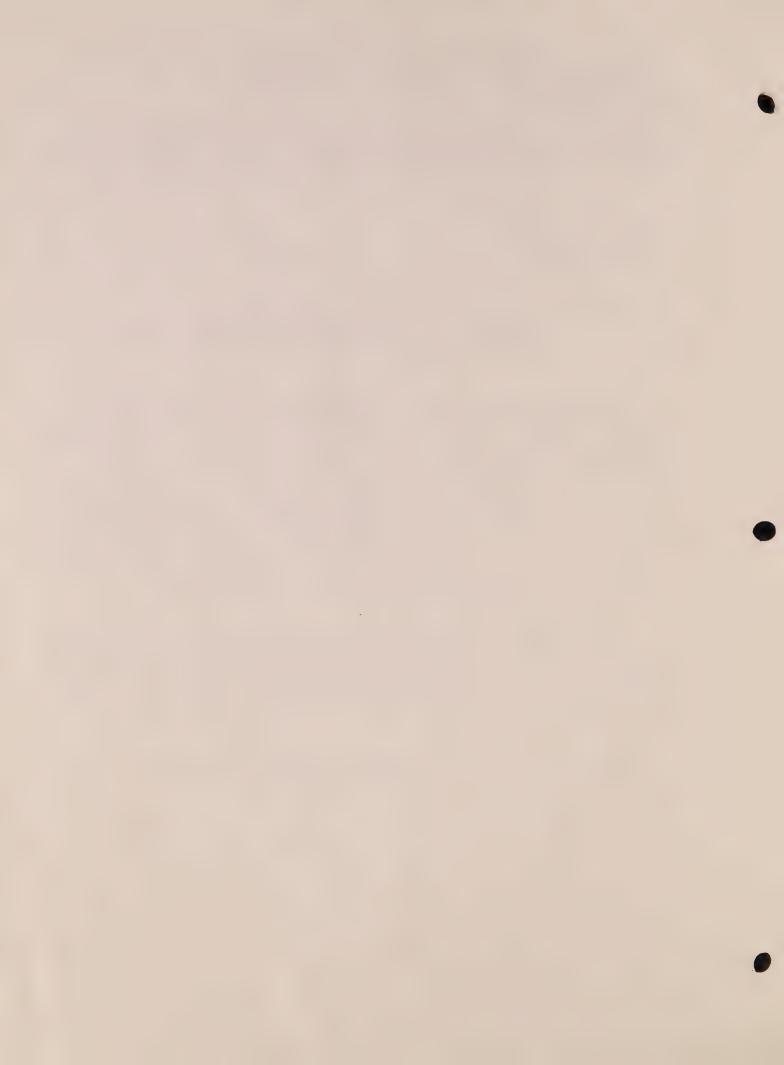
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## HOBSON TO INTRODUCE RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL AUTONOMY

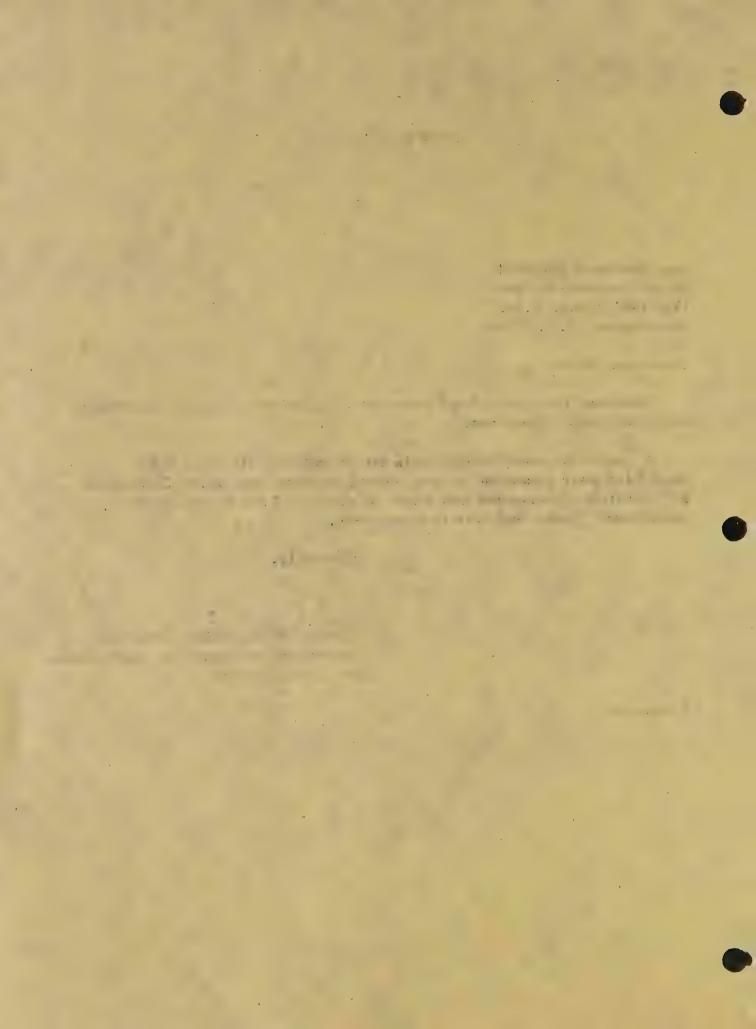
Councilmember Julius W. Hobson (Statehood, At-Large) today announced the introduction of a resolution which urges the Congress of the United States to allow elected officials in the District of Columbia to autonomously pursue local matters. Mr. Hobson's action stemmed from his dissatisfaction over the recent announcement of the House District Committee that it planned to let a \$25,000 contract with Mark Battle Associates to study the roles and responsibilities of the various entities in the area of public education. The resolution requests that local elected officials be permitted to conduct their own investigations and studies. Furthermore, the resolution underlines the Council's perogatives for the enactment of legislation which effect strictly local matters.

Mr. Hobson, an advocate of statehood and full self-determination for the citizens of the District of Columbia, has stated that the adoption of this resolution by the Council would demonstrate the determination of city officials to exercise their total responsibility over local affairs. The matter is scheduled to be introduced to the full Council on November 18, 1975.

For further information contact: Patricia Evans Miner 638-2223, ext. 14



of profession November 17, 1975 Ms. Lorraine Hutchins SAJA Resource Center 1743 18th Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20009 Dear Ms. Hutchins: Enclosed is a copy of the response received from Mayor Washington regarding CETA positions. I appreciate your bringing this situation to my attention and I shall keep your concerns in mind during deliberations of the Committee on Education, Recreation and Youth Affairs. If I can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact me. Sincerely, JULIUS W. HOBSON, Chairman Committee on Education, Recreation, and Youth Affairs Enclosure



Robert Williams, Counsel Secretary

Julius W. Hobson, Councilmember

November 14, 1975

Introduction of resolution, "Resolution Supporting Local Autonomy of the Government Entities in the District of Columbia."

The attached resolution is filed for introduction and referral. Immediate publication in the D.C. Register is requested.

Attachment - as stated.

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Mr. Marshall Lichtenstein Chairman, D.C. Elections Committee Young Lawyers Section The Bar Association of the District of Columbia 1819 H Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20036

Position of the Young Lawers Section of the Bar Association of the District of Columbia re: Bill 1-120, the D.C. Elections
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Mr. Lichtenstein:

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Mr. George Harrod
Director of Personnel
Office of Personnel
499 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Mr. Harrod:

Mr. Randolph Green stopped by my office on November 13, 1975, stating he had received a personnel action form declaring he was being terminated effective on November 21, 1975. According to Mr. Green, who is employed under the Federal Comprehensive Employment and Training Act Program, he had received no previous warning notice that his work was unsatisfactory and assumed that he was performing his duties in a satisfactory manner. Subsequently, Mr. Green received a memorandum on November 12, 1975, stating he was being transferred to the Neighborhood Improvement Program and would remain there until January 31, 1976, when the appointment expires.

The two documents seem to contradict one another. I would like to know the circumstances behind the steps taken in his Personnel Action form of November 5, 1975, and the status of Mr. Green's employment by November 28, 1975. In your summary please discuss what action you have taken and what further steps you plan to take.

I look forward to hearing from you and thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

JULIUS W. HOBSON Councilmember-At-Large

Enclosures

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Mr. Richard J. Dowling American Speech and Hearing Association 9030 Old Georgetown Road Washington, D.C. 20014

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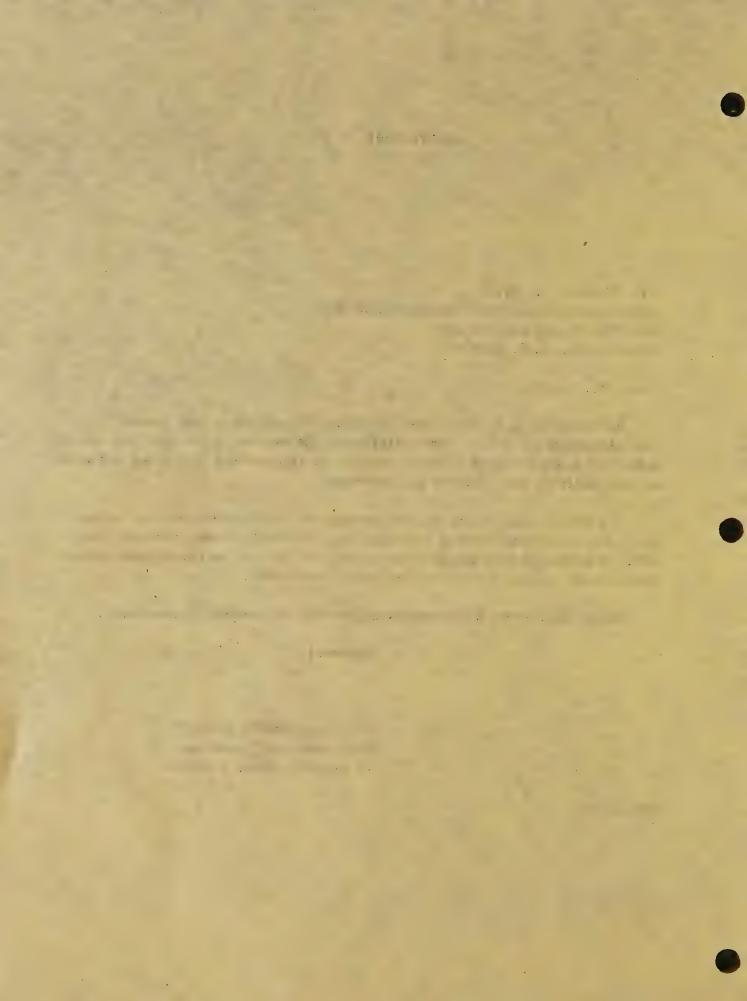
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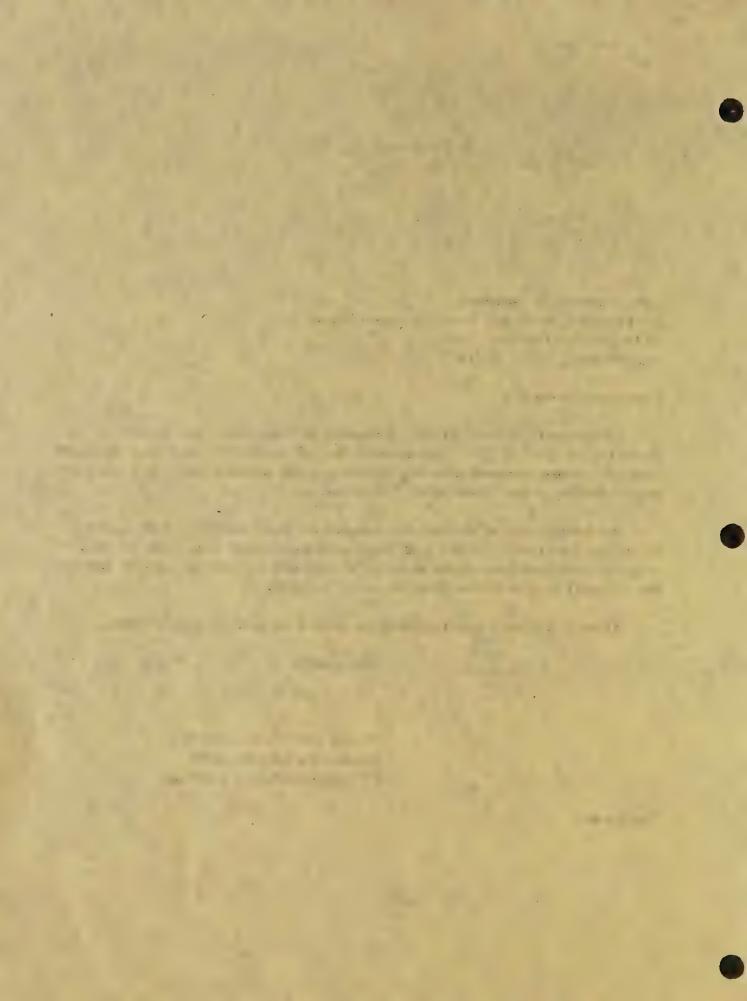
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Executive Assistant to
Councilmember Hobson

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Mrs. Elizabeth C. Kane 118 5th Street, N.E. Washington, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Kane:

Congratulations on your successful election to the Board of Education (at large) for the District of Columbia.

I look forward to our working together in the best interest of education for the children of our city.

Sincerely,

Julius W. Hobson
Chairman
Committee on Education, Recreation & Youth Affairs

Mr. James Featherstone 2430 32nd Street, S.E. Washington, D.C. 20019

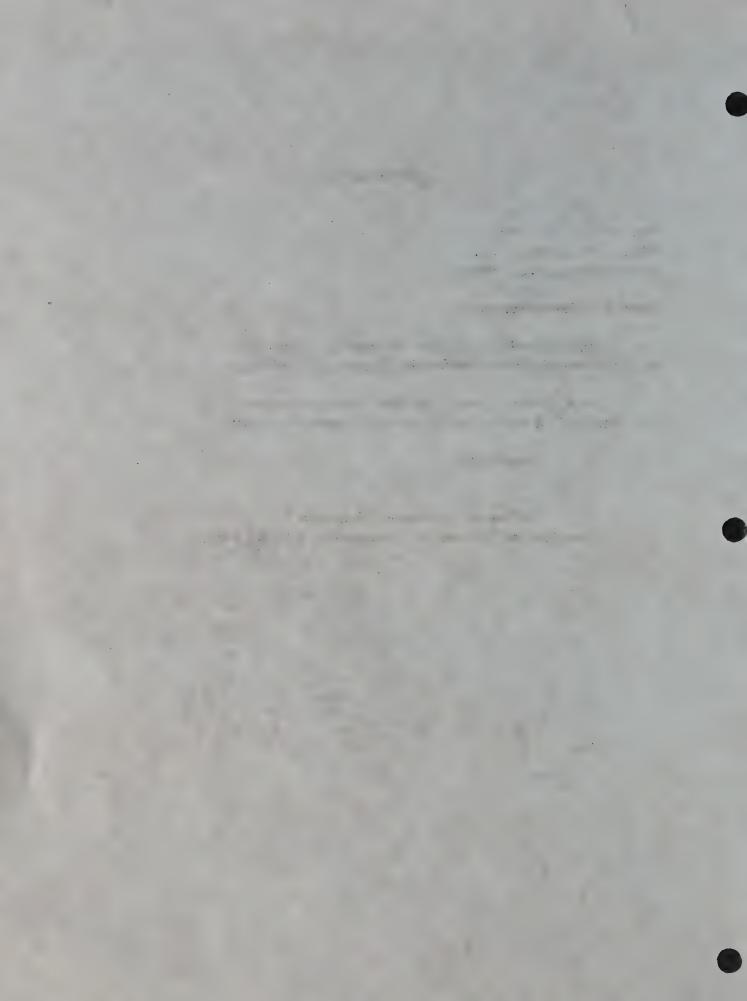
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Sincerely,

Julius W. Hobson, Chairman Committee on Education, Recreation & Youth Affairs



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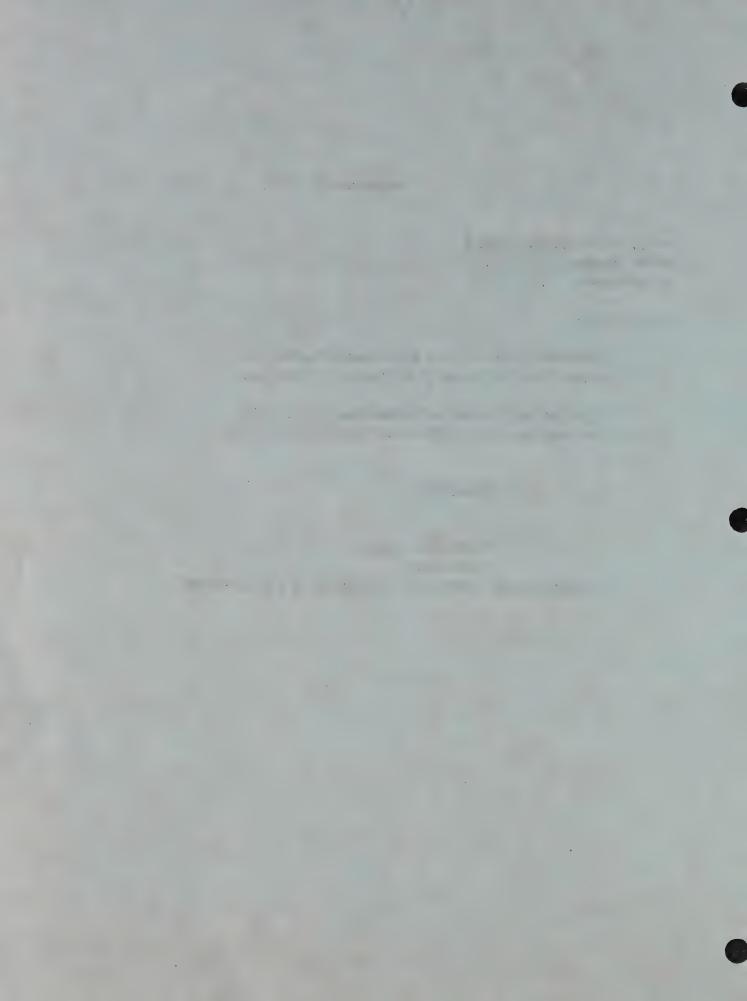
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Mr. John E. Warren 2330 Good Hope Road, S.E. Washington, D.C. 20020

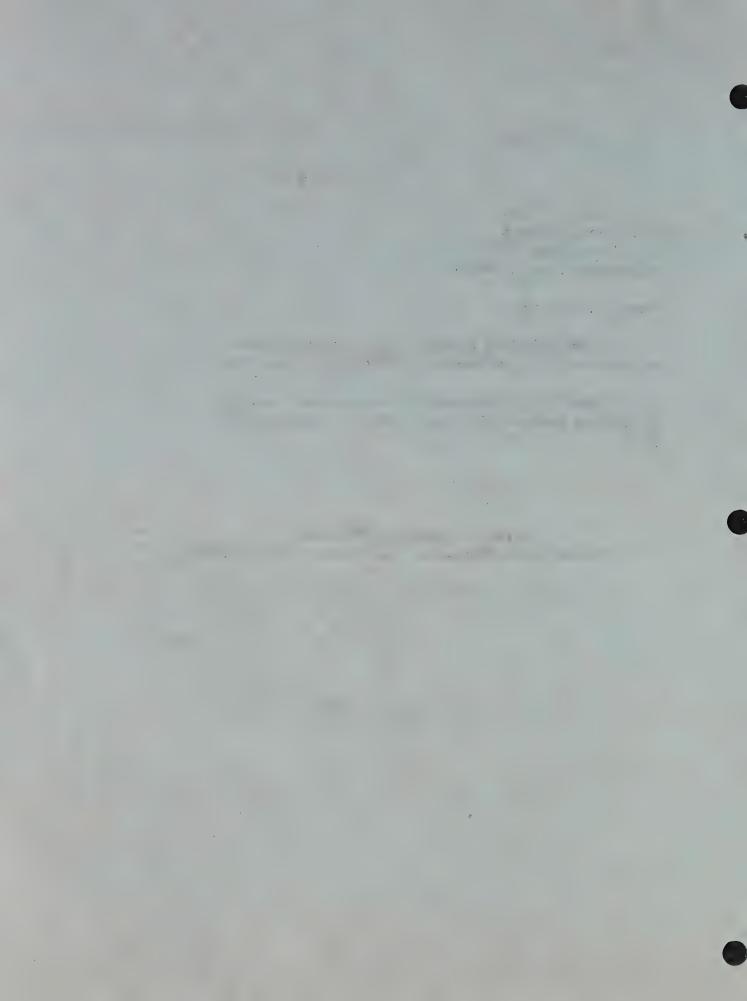
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Mrs. Bettie Benjamin 4023 13th Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20017

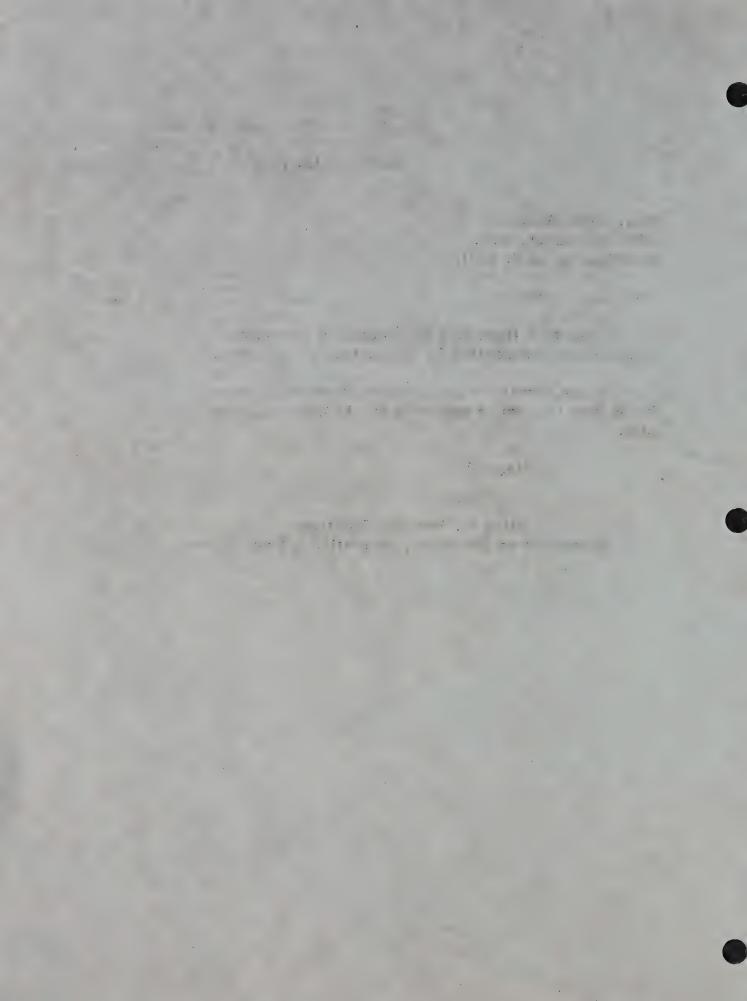
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Sincerely,

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November 10, 1975

Mr. Conrad P. Smith 722 Fairmont Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Mr. Smith:

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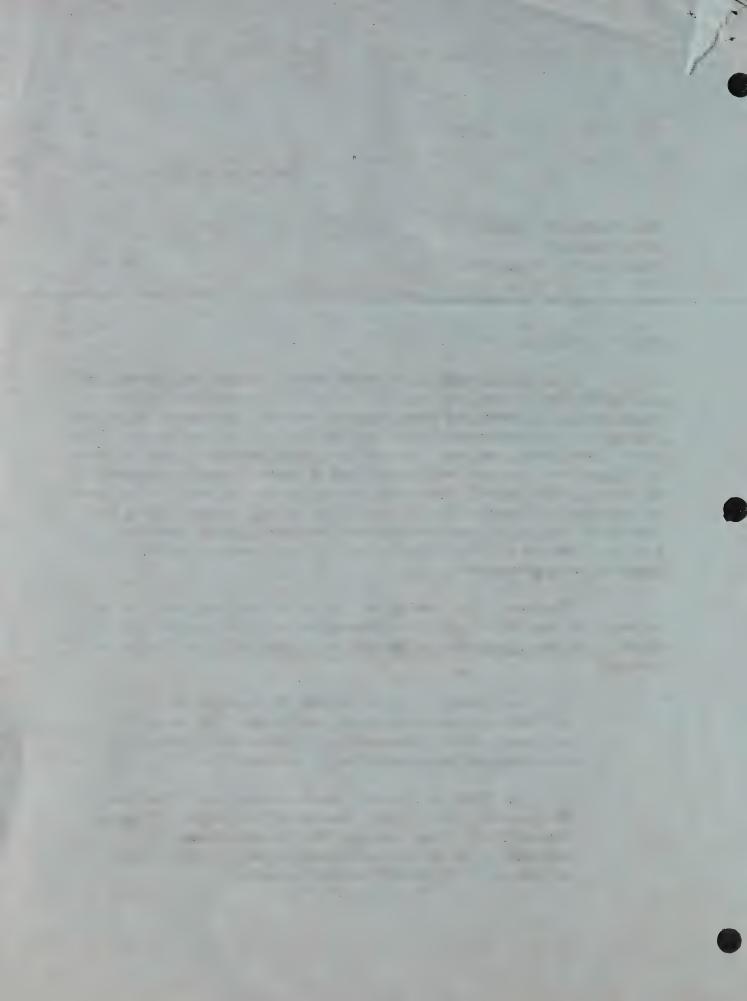
Mr. Thomas A. Wilkins Administrator Department of Manpower 500 C Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Mr. Wilkins:

I am increasingly concerned with the serious unemployment of youth in the District. At this time there are an estimated 20,000 young people 22 years and under, approximately 15 percent of the youth population, currently without jobs and seeking full or part time employment. In addition, we have nearly 8,000 youth graduating from or leaving school next June who will be in need of jobs. Youth from outside the District will enter the city seeking employment as well. It is inexcusable for us to permit an estimated 4,000 young people looking for permanent jobs to idly roam the streets as unemployment statistics next year without maximum effort on all our parts to provide sufficient employment opportunities.

Therefore, I am asking you the following questions now to evaluate the quality and effectiveness of our services and to find out what we can do to improve the current and prospective unemployment picture:

- 1. During FY 75, what were the total funds available earmarked for youth employment training and services? What portion of these funds were appropriated and what portion were federal grant funds?
- 2. Were all available funds expended? What was the amount of grant funds, earmarked for youth, not spent during FY 75? Were any such funds used to subsidize non-disadvantaged temporary employees or the purchase of equipment not related to youth services?



- 3. How many individual youths were assisted under these programs?
- 4. How many individual youths achieved unsubsidized employment? Of the total placements made by the employment service, what percentage were youths?
- 5. What was the average hourly wage of youths placed under all programs?

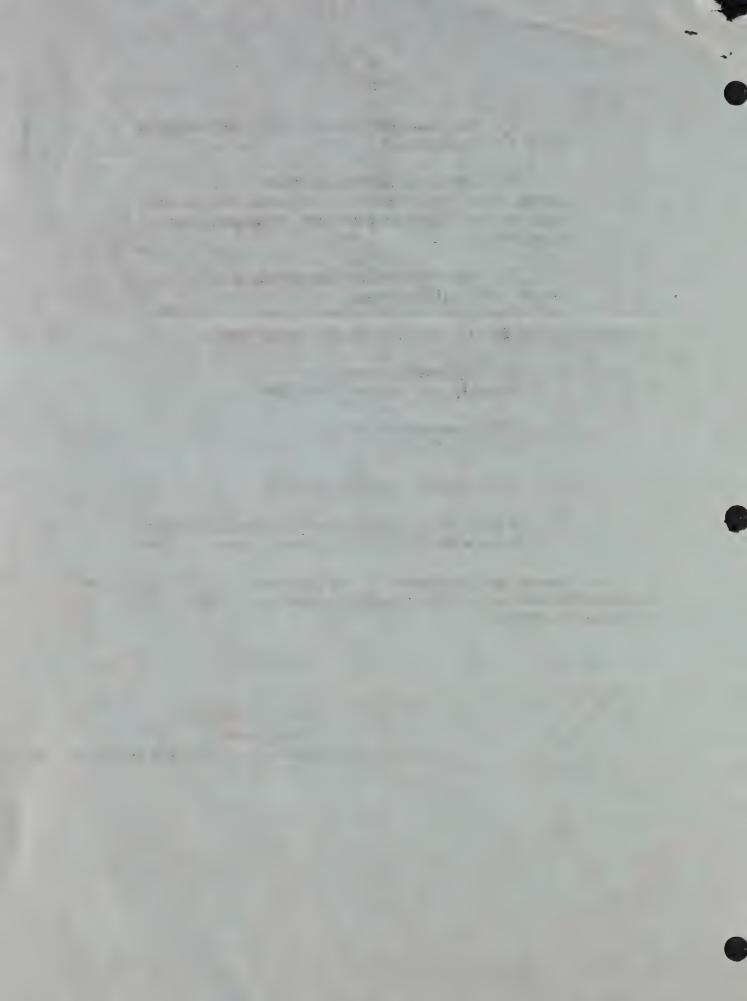
In addition, I would like copies of the following reports:

- 1. ESARS Monthly Reports
  Monthly year to date (June 1975)
- 2. CETA reports (June 1975) Titles I, II, III, IV
- 3. WIN Monthly Report (June 1975)
- 4. A copy of the annual report required by federal legislation for total manpower services (FY 75

Due to the importance of this information in developing recommendations, we would appreciate receiving it no later than November 20, 1975.

Sincerely,

Julius W. Hobson
Chairperson
Committee on Education, Recreation and Youth Affairs





#### COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

#### WASHINGTON, D. C. 20004

November 6, 1975

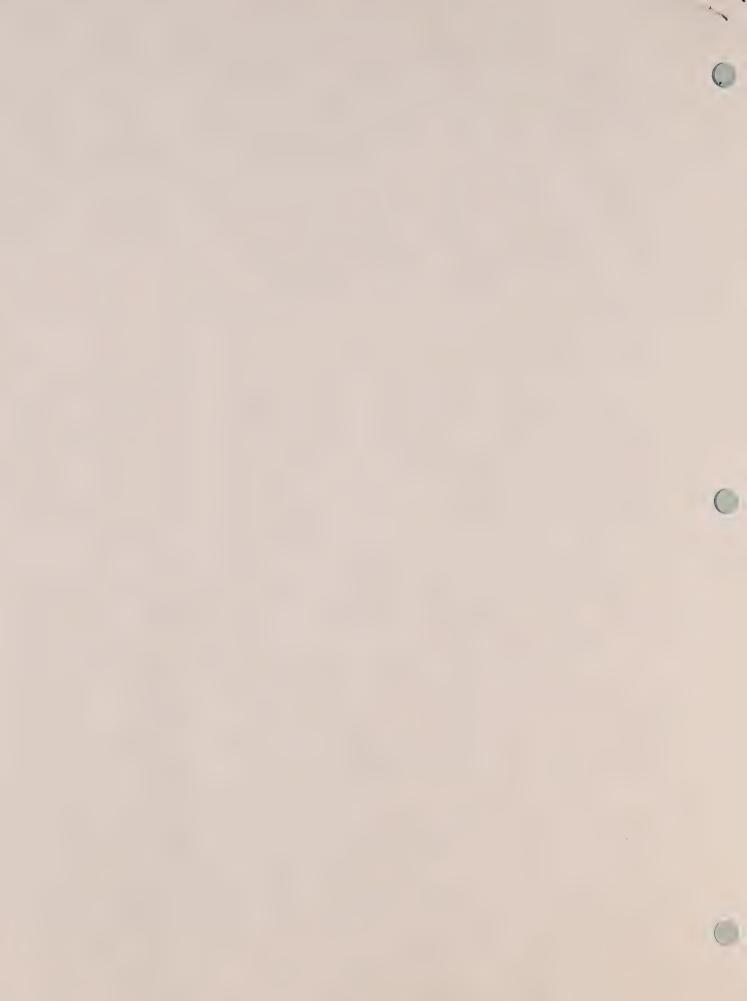
Honorable Russell E. Train
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Room 1200 - West Tower
401 M Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Mr. Train:

I am writing to you because of my confusion over the Environmental Protection Agency's position on a proposed refuse recycling system for the District of Columbia. As you remember last April 28, 1975, I requested that your agency review the economic feasibility study done by the National Center for Resource Recovery (NCRR), which formed the basis for the proposed regional resource recovery facility, so that the City Council would have a better idea of the project's strengths and weaknesses as well as its compatibility with a returnable beverage container bill which I have submitted to the Council.

In response, Mr. Arsen Darnay, your Deputy Assistant for Solid Waste Management, raised some very serious questions about the NCRR plan in a letter dated June 18, 1975. Among other things Mr. Darnay expressed concern over the possibility of large cost-overruns in construction and operation and many unresolved design questions. In particular, he noted that the NCRR plan lacked water treatment facilities, fire control systems, storage areas for refuse derived fuel (RDF), dust control systems, and necessary redundancy. Mr. Darnay emphasized that any resource recovery facility should be designed around a firm energy market. He pointed out that the NCRR study "presents revenues from the sale of RDF as zero," which a subsequent September 29, 1975 letter of interest from PEPCO (enclosed) does not appear to have corrected.

Because of EPA's concerns and press accounts which questioned the NCRR approach to resource recovery (enclosed), I asked Mr. Matthew Watson, the District of Columbia Auditor, to review the circumstances leading up to this NCRR project. In his reply (enclosed) Mr. Watson reported that there was no competitive bid process for this study and that the NCRR may have been in "conflict of interest" by performing this work. Because of these factors, I introduced a resolution to the City Council on October 7, 1975 that would require the District Government to go back to the drawing boards — through a competitive bid process — for the



planning, design, development, and construction of a resource recovery system built around a <u>firm</u> energy market which would not be adversely impacted by returnable beverage container legislation.

As a result of the October 18, 1975, Washington Post article (see enclosure) describing a recent letter to the Chairman of the Transportation and Environmental Affairs Committee written by Mr. Nicholas Humber, current Director of your Resource Recovery Division, many responsible Councilmembers feel that EPA has changed its position, and now favor the NCRR plan. In his October 17th letter, Mr. Humber mentioned that:

"The District is pursuing a sound course of action in its plans to use the refuse derived fuel technology to implement resource recovery."

"We do not believe that restudying the technology will identify a new technology that has not been discussed."

This facility may cost more than \$9.6 million to construct because these figures are based on preliminary design work. As the first engineering work is done, the dollar figures will be more sure.

Proper emphasis is being put on energy recovery and the agreement with PEPCO is firm enough to proceed with the planning stages of the facility.

I am sure you can appreciate my confusion as to what EPA's true policy towards the NCRR facility is. Therefore, because of my long standing respect for you and the EPA, I am requesting that you review this matter. As a result of this review, if you will personally assure me that: competitive contracting for a feasibility study to consider all options, the assessment of all potential energy markets, including the Federal Government, the location of a firm energy market commitment, the design of a facility around this market, and the obtaining of unbiased cost estimates are not necessary prior to Council budget authorization, then I will withdraw my resolution and support the NCRR proposal.

I, respectfully, request your immediate reply so that this issue can be resolved in the best interest of the District of Columbia and surrounding areas.

JULIUS W. HOBSON

Councilmember-at-Large

Enclosures -



# STATEMENT BY JULIUS W. HOBSON INTRODUCING THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CLEAN INDOOR AIR ACT

Today, I am introducing the District of Columbia Clean Indoor Air Act. The purpose of the act is to protect the public health, comfort and environment by restricting smoking in public places and at public meetings to designated smoking areas. Taverns could be exempted at the owner's option.

Action on Smoking and Health (ASH) a Washington based group, reports that 30 states and several hundred communities have passed antismoking legislation in the last two years alone.

Cigarette smoking is harmful to the non-smoker because the inhalation of another's cigarette smoke in an enclosed environment creates:

- (1) a clear and present danger to an estimated 30 million people with certain preexisting medical susceptabilities and
- (2) a significant health hazard and discomfort to most others.

The Surgeon General has concluded that an atmosphere contaminated with tobacco smoke contributes to more than just discomfort; the level of carbon monoxide in contained areas filled with cigarette smoke can exceed legal limits for air pollution.

Smoke from an idling cigarette contains almost twice the tar and nicotine of an inhaled cigarette.

The harmful effects of cigarette smoke on the non-smoker are currently being studied and will continue to be an important avenue of medical research. However, serious questions already exist as a result



of past and current medical research; the implications cannot be ignored.

All sides of this issue will be invited to speak at public hearings where the implications can be explored.

This bill does not violate the constitutional rights of citizens since the right to smoke will remain so long as it is exercised without creating a health hazard to the non-smoker. Smokers are being asked to smoke in designated areas — they are not being asked to stop smoking.

This act is a workable compromise between those who wish to smoke and those who have a right to be free from the involuntary imposition of an irritant and health hazard.

The right to breathe clean, smoke free air is an individual right that needs to be insured.

I invite my fellow councilmembers to join me in co-sponsoring the District of Columbia Clean Indoor Air Act.

I want to publicly acknowledge the overwhelming support I have received from citizens this past week. Their enthusiastic response before this bill was even formally introduced has both strengthened and encouraged me.



# STATEMENT BY JULIUS W. HOBSON REPORTING P.R. 1-103 "NON-RESIDENT TUITION FEE RESOLUTION OF 1975"

The Committee on Education, Recreation and Youth Affairs reports the "Non Resident Tuition Fee Resolution of 1975", P.R. 1-103.

This resolution approves the newly revised non resident tuition rates for the 1975-1976 school year, fixed by the Board of Education at its meeting on September 23rd. The rates represents the amount necessary to cover the expense of tuition and costs of textbooks and school supplies used by each student. Pursuant to Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1967, Part IV, Sec. 236, the Council of the District of Columbia is required to provide final approval for such rates. The Office of the Municipal Audit and Inspections has reviewed the rates structure proposed by the Board of Education and recommends that the rates be approved.

Having received no adverse comments, the Committee on Education, Recreation and Youth Affairs approved the resolution without amendment, by a vote of 2 to 1, in its meeting of October 9, 1975.

I move the adoption of resolution 1-103.



# STATEMENT BY JULIUS W. HOBSON REPORTING BILL 1-51 "SCHOOL OFFICERS SABBATICAL LEAVE ACT"

Bill 1-51, School Officers Sabbatical Leave Act" has been reviewed by the Committee on Education, Recreation and Youth Affairs which voted unanimously to report out the bill. It would amend Title 31, Sec. 635 of the D.C. Code, allowing school officers to receive up to one-half of their salaries while on sabbatical leave; the current law restricts officers to one-half of the maximum salary for teachers while on sabbatical leave.

The Board of Education has indicated that this legislation does not impose a mandatory increase on their allocation of funds for sabbatical purposes. In fact, the allocation of funds for sabbaticals is \$5,000 less for FY 1976 than in FY 1974 and FY 1975. Several technical changes, suggested by the Corporation Counsel and the Legislative Counsel, have been incorporated into bill 1-51. Having received no adverse comments, the Committee on Education, Recreation and Youth Affairs approved the bill at its meeting of October 9, 1975.

I move the adoption of bill 1-51.

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Fred Aranha, Support Services

Sandy Brown, Executive Assistant

November 3, 1975

Request for additional file cabinets and small bookcase

We urgently need for Mr. Hobson's office four additional lateral file cabinet drawers to add to our present file cabinet drawers and bases. We would also like to have one small four shelf bookcase.

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